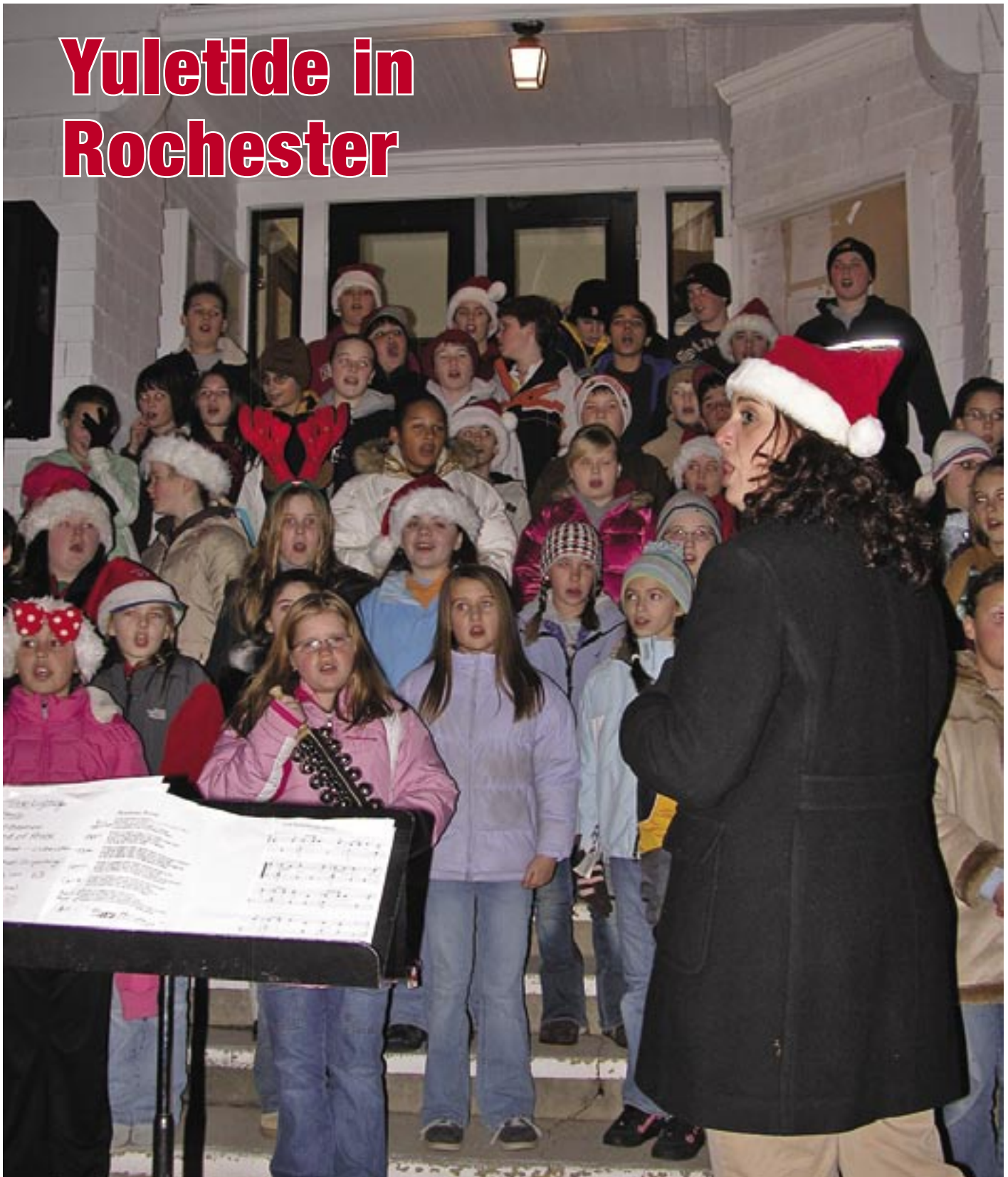




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"Online Options" Welcome to the Wanderer Wide Web

By Kenneth J. Souza

For the past six months, *The Wanderer* has been



Above: After arriving in Marion via boat at Island Wharf, Santa Claus greeted the crowd awaiting him before participating in the town's 2006 Annual Holiday Village Stroll. (Photo by Robert Chiarito).



Above: Sixth grade students at Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett recently prepared baskets of homemade cookies and other goodies as part of their eighth annual holiday program. With help from parents, teachers and staff, the students baked some 1,440 cookies to be packaged in about 130 handmade baskets for distribution to Mattapoisett seniors and shut-ins. (Photo by Robert Chiarito).

On the cover: Members of the Rochester Memorial School Chorus performed several classic Christmas carols during the town's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony held on Monday, December 11 at the Rochester Town Hall. The event also included a performance by the Memorial School Band and the official lighting of the town tree by Christian Smith, who won the honor through a school-sponsored drawing contest. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

busy making new and improved upgrades to its free online website, www.wanderer.com. Having maintained a viable and user-friendly web presence for more than a decade, the Internet-based version of the tri-town's weekly newspaper now offers even more photographs and coverage of local events, along with a newly-added "Tri-Town Forum" whereby readers can weigh in with their own opinions on matters that directly affect Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester.

As we prepare to enter 2007, the new and improved www.wanderer.com will become not only an extension of the weekly printed edition of *The Wanderer*, but also a source of up-to-the-minute "breaking news" which may be too late to make the weekly deadline. As such, www.wanderer.com has been retooled and reworked to be updated much more frequently than the weekly print edition and will, in time, become a daily resource for tri-town news and events.

Among the major new improvements and upgrades to the website:

- A complete online photo gallery with high-resolution color photos of local events (many of which are available exclusively online) that can easily be download-

***The Wanderer* Holiday Hours**

The Wanderer office will be closed from December 25 to January 1 so that our employees can enjoy the holidays. There will be no December 28th edition. The first issue in January will be January 4, 2007. Deadline for Display Advertising in the January 4 Issue is Friday, December 22 at 3pm. Classified advertising deadline for the January 4 Issue will remain as January 1 at 1pm, but as our office will be closed. All classifieds submitted from December 22 to January 1 must be done by mail or on line at www.wanderer.com.

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"Cover Contest"

Artists Sought for Groundhog Day

The Wanderer is holding a Groundhog Day contest. Your original art may end up on the cover of our February 1, 2007 issue. And the winner will also receive a new Apple iPod Nano.

Submissions for our cover artwork must be received by January 16, 2007. All submissions will be posted on our website, www.wanderer.com. Viewers can then

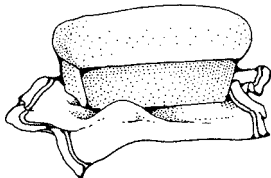


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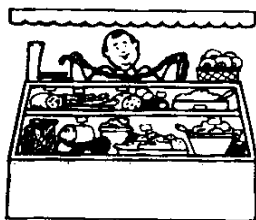
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To enter, you simply need to create an original artwork of any type that can be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. The theme for this artwork should be "Groundhog Day." All submissions can be either hard copy or submitted electronically.

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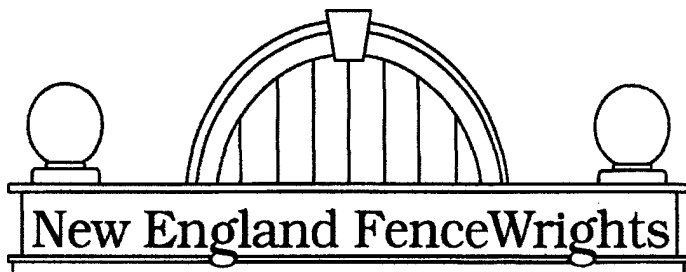
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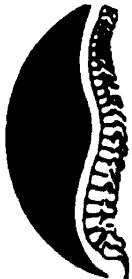


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"Village Yuletide"

Marion's Festive Holiday Celebration

By Robert Chiarito

The auditorium at the Sippican School was overflowing on Sunday, December 10 as the Tri-County Symphonic Band presented their "Christmas-time Around the World" concert. Musical Director Philip Sanborn lead the orchestra through an hour-and-a-half long program that, in the end, proved to be too big a celebration to confine itself to one room.

The first selection of the afternoon was a medley of Christmas melodies from which the show borrowed its billing, "Christmas-time Around the World" by composer R.W. Smith. The piece is a musical journey that took the audience from Marion, to Europe, to Russia and Asia then back home. The next stop along the trip was north to neighboring Canada and a performance of "A Canadian Brass Christmas."

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by way of Portugal as Karen Ann Chance told the story of home sick Queen Isabella who longed so much for a white Christmas that her husband, King Carlos, brought her a forest of white blossomed almond trees from Africa to Lagos to soothe her aching heart.

When the music resumed the band played wonderful renditions of "Wassail" and "An American Christmas," both, again, by R.W. Smith. The second tune was a combination of familiar melodies that covered the realm of the American Christmas tradition. Once again the music paused for a moment, Ms. Chance told the story of Mr. Van Amsterdam, a colonial baker from Albany, New York, who learned the more you give the more you get in return. Mr. Van Amsterdam, as the legend tells it, was responsible for creating the "Bakers Dozen."

The story was followed by a unique raffle. Throughout the afternoon children dressed as elves roamed the hall handing out small toys to all of the children in the audience. Ms. Chance, with the help of several of her elves, instructed the children to turn their toys over to search for a number. She then called out numbers and gave away special Christmas gifts to the winners. The final raffle numbers helped to select three lucky children who were invited onstage to play sleigh bells while the band performed "Sleigh Ride." The three performed like pros and the audience gave the children a loud round of applause.

Throughout the show there seemed to be a conspicuous number of red Santa hats scattered around the room. The hats, as it turned out, were worn by students from the Sippican School music program who joined the band for the sing-along finale of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Silver Bells," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

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show-stopping close, an announcement was made that everyone in the audience was being invited by the Sippican School Band to march with them from the school, through the streets of Marion, to the harbor landing to welcome a special guest. Like a band of pied pipers the youngsters marched out of the school's front door and out into the streets playing Christmas tunes and leading those who followed in a roving sing along.

The Sippican Band was actually leading the audience to the Tenth annual Marion Holiday Stroll. Hundreds of people lined the streets from the school, through the downtown area, to the landing where a huge throng was eagerly awaiting the arrival of Santa. Families filled the Island Wharf waterfront craning their necks towards the far



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"I don't know daddy, I can't see him yet" the little girl replied.

That uncertainty disappeared as the small girl let out a huge squeal: "It's him. It's him daddy. I see him, it's Santa Claus!"

The rest of the people joined in the applause and erupted into chants of "Santa, Santa" as the boat drew closer. A few moments later Santa's boat had docked and Santa made his way up the gangway to his adoring fans. As Santa slowly made his way through the he stopped to give a hug, pass out candy or take a picture with the children. Waiting for Santa, at the end of the wharf, was a Clydesdale-drawn cart. The cart then left the wharf and took Santa and a few dozen close friends on a ride around Marion Center.

Throughout the remainder of the afternoon Santa's cart, along with another, offered old-fashioned hayrides to anyone wishing to join in the fun. Marion Village was dressed in its Christmas best with candles lighting window frames, bows of red and green garland strung above the streets and the smell of hot apple and cinnamon cider filling the air. The Sippican Band reconvened to play



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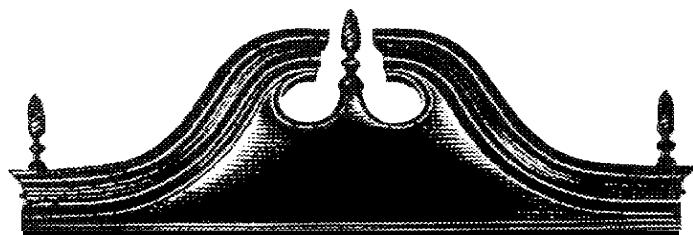


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a few more tunes as Santa sat down to get to the serious business of hearing Christmas wishes and asking who had been naughty and who had been nice. Sources tell *The Wanderer* that no one was reported to have been naughty during the past year.

The evening came to a close as the stroll ended across from the Marion Town House for the traditional lighting of the town's Christmas tree in Bicentennial Park. Another huge cheer rose up from the crowd as the tree came to life. Santa bid the town a fond farewell and wished everyone a happy holiday season. Santa is expected to be back in Marion on December 24 before he returns to the North Pole for some well-earned rest.

"Merry Melodies"

Sounds of the Season at ORR

By Robert Chiarito

The players filed in and took their places on stage. Band director Steven Rogers turned first to the audience and raised his hand to a loud round of applause and then he raised his baton to his band and for the briefest of moments there was silence.

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The members of the chorus raised 50-plus voices as one to sing beautiful renditions of songs from over 500 years of musical history. From the 15th Century they performed "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and then slid into the traditional Jewish song "Ose Shalom" with ease. During the performance, Director Rogers recognized soprano Katelyn Florio and tenor Daniel Andrews for being chosen to sing with the South East Massachusetts High School All-Star Chorus. The All-Star Chorus is made of singers who have been chosen from tryouts open to students from 172 schools in this region of the state. The ORR Chorus then ended their fine performance with the pop-flavored melodies of "Winter Wonderland" and "Let It Snow."

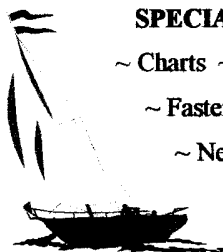
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The Jazz Band, which is really a big band in the tradition of the Glen Miller or Duke Ellington Orchestras, played with a sound that filled the room and beyond. Adding a Latin flair to the occasion, the band lead off their three-song set with Victor Lopez's "Fiesta Bahia." The band played swinging versions of Gershwin's "Someone to Watch Over Me" and Goodwin's "High Maintenance" to bring the evening to a close.

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By Robert Chiarito

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Each grade did their share of the work in making this gesture special. The fourth grade class wrote hundreds of letters, often making them personal notes to a specific individual among those chosen to receive one of the gifts. The fifth grade class made, filled and decorated the baskets and the Christmas ornaments which were included as gifts. Parents and PTA members collected other items, including candies, books, bookmarks and post-it notes to help fill the baskets. To help spread the holiday cheer many of the students participate in the delivery of the presents with the help of parents who volunteered to drive the children from door to door. Hannah, a sixth grader, was one of the students who volunteered to deliver the cookies. "I'm really excited to do this," she said.

The students become so involved in the process that many of them often voluntarily gave up their recess time to work on the project. Jennifer Rusinski, Old Hammondtown's Special Education Secretary and one of the gift drive's coordinators, had this to say about the students: "Every student takes part in this wonderful pro-

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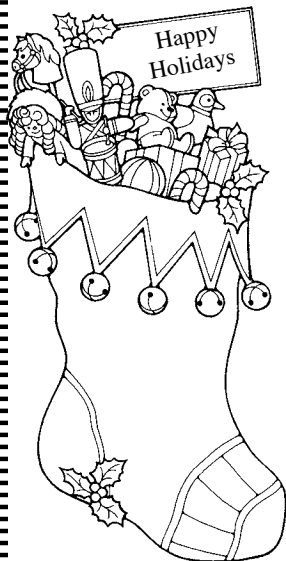
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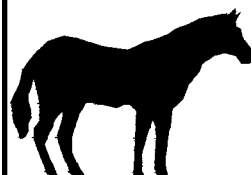
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gram. It was started with the thought to give something to someone without expecting anything in return." She went on to say, "In this world of 'give me's,' it is a great opportunity for the students to feel good about the real sense of giving."

For the record, this year the kids baked three kinds of cookies — chocolate chip, pumpkin and 'aggression' cookies. Aggression cookies are an oatmeal cookie where the dough is mixed by hand, not a mixer, allowing those involved in the process to "get their aggressions out," according to Ms. Rusinoski.

One of the students, his hands full of cookie dough, summed it all up this way, "This is so awesome. Do you know how many people we're gonna make happy? I can't wait!"

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 12, 2006

By Eletha M. Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jordan C. Collyer. Also present were Selectman Raymond H. Andrews, Selectman Stephen J. Lombard, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco.

The board first voted to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2006 meeting, and the Executive Session minutes of that same date, and also the minutes of



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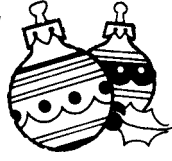
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The board then voted to accept the agreement for professional services between the Town of Mattapoisett and Simpson Gumpert and Heger, Inc. This is for the Center School roof analysis to be paid for by the retainer held back from the construction company. They are forensic engineers.

Next, the board voted to accept the agreement for professional services between the Town of Mattapoisett and the Agostini Construction Company. The board will hire an outside expert and their report will decide whether the town or the construction company will pay for the repairs.

Selectman Andrews then reported that the



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The board then announced:

- The next regular Selectmen's meeting will be on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room.

- The Mattapoisett Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 22, 2006 at 12:00 noon for the Annual Town Hall Christmas Party.

Town Administrator Michael Botelho remarked that the recent Holiday Village Stroll held on December 2 was more elaborate this year and many town venues participated. However, he would like to take this opportunity to thank Melody Pacheco for all the time and effort she put into making it such a successful town celebration. The Selectmen all agreed with his praise.

In addition, Ms. Pacheco wanted to thank Mr. Botelho and the board for all the support and cooperation they gave to making a dream of hers come true. She was also most grateful for all the townspeople and businesses for their help. Next year's planning committee is already formed.

Further, Mr. Botelho reported that Selectman Andrews has agreed to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Comprehensive Management Wastewater Study Committee.

The board advised that next Tuesday, December 19, the Annual Tax Classification Hearing will be the first

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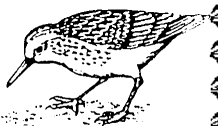
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There being no further matters to come before the board, they voted unanimously to adjourn for the evening at 7:10 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

December 12, 2006

By Kenneth J. Souza

A special meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm by Chairman Andrew Jeffrey. Also present were Selectman Jonathan Henry, Selectman Roger Blanchette, and Interim Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock.

The purpose of this meeting was to conduct a second and final round of interviews with the three finalists for the position of full-time Town Administrator.

"The three applicants tonight have all been before us previously," Chairman Jeffrey said. "We are going to ask each the same questions so that everybody has the same opportunity to answer."

The board first met at 6:30 pm with **Paul F. Dawson**. Mr. Dawson is currently the Town Clerk and also Assistant Town Manager in the Town of Stoughton, MA, where he has served for the last five years.

"My interest in town government began when I was a child when my mother (was campaigning) for a Selectman in Winthrop," Mr. Dawson said. "On my

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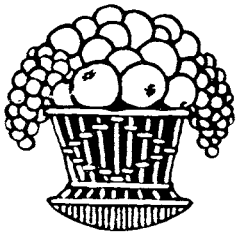
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Mr. Dawson said he knew early on that town government management was to be his career path.

"(Over the years,) I have been able to fit the pieces — the nuances of town government — together and I think what I offer to the Marion community is that depth and breadth of information," Mr. Dawson said. "Town government is like a puzzle ... you need to put all the pieces together to see the big picture."

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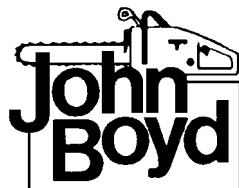
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"In 2003 there was a period where I served as Interim Town Manager in Stoughton," Mr. Dawson said. "It was at that time that we experienced for the first time cuts in state aid — specifically, reductions in lottery money. But in a very short time we were able to form a team ... of department heads to bring them together in short order and allow them to really understand how all the other departments fit in with each other. It was a really good process. We made some difficult cuts and some difficult choices, but all the department heads had ownership of it."

When asked where his strength lies, Mr. Dawson said he is very confident of his communication skills.

"I think allowing department heads to be creative (and) innovative and encouraging employees to come up with new ideas is good," he said. "Sometimes change can be good. I think anyone you ask will tell you I'm a good, honest and open communicator."

When asked how he would handle an escalating conflict between an elected board and a citizen group, the latter of which has requested to meet with the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Dawson said he hoped he would be able to defuse the situation well before it reached that critical stage.

"Certainly it would require me to meet with the (board) and find out why a citizen group is demanding to

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meet with the (Selectmen)," Mr. Dawson said. "I do see there's a role there for the Town Administrator to try and take the bull by the horns ... and act as mediator."

Mr. Dawson offered some suggestions as to how the town could approach their need for a new Police Station.

"You need to understand both sides of the issue because people have strong feelings when it comes to raising their taxes," Mr. Dawson said. "But I have had the opportunity to tour (the Marion Police Station) and there are physical plant needs there. We need to do what we can to make people aware of it. Communication, again, is critical."

As a proponent of open communication, Mr. Dawson said he has always enjoyed a great rapport with the news media.

"There can't be this secrecy," he said. "There are times when sensitive matters will require some discretion, but the press can be very useful. There have been times when I've called a reporter to help me get a message out and they can be great tools (for that purpose)."

Mr. Dawson noted he had the chance to tour the town recently and meet with many of the department heads and Town House staff and he was very impressed.

"There's a great group of people that you have working here," Mr. Dawson said. "I just hope and look forward to the opportunity that this will work out and I'll be able to work here in Marion."

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At 7:15 pm the board met with **Bradley A. Plante**. Mr. Plante is originally from Plainville, MA, where he was born and raised, and served in both the Air Force and U.S. Army until he retired from the latter in 1993.

"I've (served on) the Finance Committee (Fin-Com) in North Attleboro, I was a member of the Board of Selectman in North Attleboro for five years, and I have been the Town Administrator in Rockland, MA for the past six years," Mr. Plante said. "I've been involved with developing 14 (municipal) budgets. I just wrote the Personnel By-Law for the Town of Rockland and put together a Capital Plan which they are just getting off the ground."

When asked how he would handle an escalating conflict between an elected board and a citizen group, the


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latter of which has requested to meet with the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Plante said he would look into the matter personally.

"Well, I think you'd need to conduct an investigation and find out what the problem is and determine what needs to be done," he said. "Many times you have two sides to a story and the truth is somewhere in the middle. If that doesn't work, maybe I'd meet with a representative of the elected board and the citizen's group and see what I could do to mediate between the parties. If that didn't work, then I'd contact the Selectmen Chairman and see if they wanted to meet."

Questioned how he would handle a situation where he had to terminate an employee, Mr. Plante said it's always a difficult thing to do.

"There was one that involved (an employee) who was stealing, so that one was somewhat easier," he said. "But there was another older employee who just wasn't performing ... and we had to let her go."

Mr. Plante had some ideas on how the town could revisit their need for a new Police Station.

"As you know, I was very involved with the building of a new Police Station in North Attleboro," he said. "I don't want to rain on your parade, but it took us 10 years but we finally got it done. It cost over \$7 million ... but it's a beautiful facility. The way we got it through was the committee worked very hard at getting the word out to the folks. I can tell you the Town of North Attleboro

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had never approved a (Proposition 2-1/2) override before that time. It passed by only 28 votes, so it was very close. The big thing is you've got to sell it (to the voters)."

When asked about his experience in dealing with the news media, Mr. Plante said he has had to deal with four newspapers in Rockland on a regular basis.

"I'm very open with them (and) with the exception of Executive Sessions, I'll give them any documents they request," he said. "And I'm not shy, if they mess a story up, I'll tell them. (But) that goes both ways. Right now (Rockland) is dealing with a lawsuit against Mobil Oil ... and (*The Boston Globe*) did a great job with the story."

As for his first goals and objectives if hired, Mr. Plante said he would want to sit down with the Board of Selectmen and devise that list together.

"I'd also want to find out what the priorities and goals of each department head is," he said. "And then set up a plan and decide what we need to do. It would be a kind of settling in process ... learning who's who and what's what."

Of his most difficult task, Mr. Plante said it would be when he was first hired as Town Administrator in Rockland and having to immediately deal with the misappropriation of funds by the contracted firm running the town's wastewater treatment plant.

"It was a scandalous situation and made all the (newspapers)," he said. "That was my long, hot summer."

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As for his recent tour of Marion, he was very impressed with the town and its residents.

"I hope I get to work here ... this is a great little town and it's easy to see why people fall in love with it," Mr. Plante said.

At 8:00 pm the board met with **Phyllis Marshall**. Ms. Marshall is currently Treasurer/Collector with Wattertown, MA, where she also previously served as both Assistant Town Manager and Purchasing Agent.

"About 20 years ago I got my first job in county government," Ms. Marshall said. "It was a great starting experience for me. I learned a lot about municipal budgeting, public safety, school systems, and other aspects of local government. When I moved to New England I began working with the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority ... which serves 14 communities."

Ms. Marshall later worked as the Business Manager for the Department of Public Works (DPW) in Winchester, MA and then took on her various roles in Wattertown.

As for her human resource experience, Ms. Mar-



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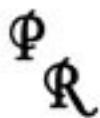
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shall noted she has been directly involved with personnel matters in both Watertown and Winchester.

"I'm currently on the collective bargaining team for the Town Hall Associates in Watertown," she said. "Prior to that I had experience in Winchester ... supervising staff there and dealing with personnel issues."

When asked of her personal strengths, Ms. Marshall said she is a natural problem-solver.

"I think one of my greatest strengths is I'm a problem-solver," she said. "It's great when you can find a quick-fix, but that's not always available."

Questioned how she would deal with an employee who is repeatedly late for work, Ms. Marshall said she would discuss it first one-on-one.

"I think sometimes situations just need to be clarified," she said. "It depends on the circumstances. If it's someone whose office needs to be opened, then it's going to be an issue."

When asked how she would handle an escalating conflict between an elected board and a citizen group, the latter of which has requested to meet with the Board of Selectmen, Ms. Marshall said she would talk with the two groups first.

"First you need to speak to the parties, so-to-speak," she said. "I think it's the Town Administrator's job to get the facts and report back to the Board of Selectmen. Again, I sometimes think people are doing a good job at communicating, but sometimes it's helpful to have

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someone else provide another point of view. I think it's productive to have things spelled out by the parties ... to find a resolution."

Asked if she's had to terminate an employee, Ms. Marshall said she can recall an employee who was struggling and she had to let them go.

"We were having a problem, so I told them we need to work out a plan ... to make the situation better," she said. "We did try that, but she came to me and eventually she quit and I agreed it was appropriate. I'm not sure that was terminating someone as much as it was the best solution for the time and situation. The toughest thing about that was agreeing with her that it was time to go, because she actually tried. It just wasn't working out."

With regard to the need for a new Police Station in Marion, Ms. Marshall offered some suggestions.

"I'm currently on the Police Station Building Committee in Watertown," she said. "We are undergoing the selection process for an architectural firm. I think it's good to keep people involved ... and be able to balance the needs of the department with the project costs. Will everyone be happy? No. But sometimes you have to make trade-offs."

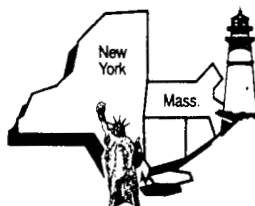
When asked how she'd work with the local news media, Ms. Marshall said it is a matter of open communication and sharing information.

"If someone asks me something that isn't clear or that they're not aware of, I would hope to clarify it," she said. "If the press feels they can't get that information, they're going to try and find it a different way. Sometimes

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people overlook the importance of communication. If you don't get it correctly, then people sometimes get fired up."

As to her goals and objectives for her first year as Town Administrator if hired, Ms. Marshall said she'd like to take time to get to know the community and residents.

"I think the first year is a period for getting to know one another," she said.


In closing, the board noted they would meet on Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 pm to announce their selected candidate. In the interim, residents can offer their opinions to members of the Board of Selectmen and/or Interim Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock or vote via our exclusive online poll under the "Tri-Town Forum" section of our website at www.wanderer.com.



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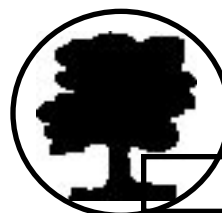
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By Kenneth J. Souza

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The board first approved the minutes of the December 4 meeting, with Selectman Nunes abstaining.

The board then signed and approved the contract with newly-hired Town Administrator Richard LaCamera at an annual salary of \$78,000 as per the vote taken last week. The board also signed and approved an agreement with the Town of Lakeville to use their animal shelter for any stray animals picked up within Rochester by their Animal Control Officers. Rochester will pay a \$15 per day boarding fee to the Town of Lakeville, along with a \$20 drop-off fee for each dog brought to the Lakeville Animal Shelter. This renewed agreement will be in force until December 31, 2007. Lastly, the board signed and approved Class II License renewals for Bumpus Auto Sales and The Custom Shop, effective through December 2008.

Also as per last week's vote, the board also signed Personnel Action Forms (PAFs) for Mr. LaCamera in his capacity at Town Administrator, Chief Procurement Of-

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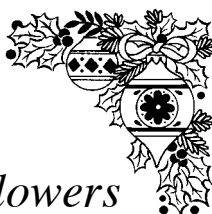
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Under the Town Administrator's report, Chairman Morse welcomed Mr. LaCamera, who gave the board an update on his first week on the job.

"I'm looking forward to being Town Administrator and I appreciate the board's confidence in me," Mr. LaCamera said. "I spent the better part of last week meeting with department heads and other board members, so it's been a great week and I'm looking forward to working with all those people."

Mr. LaCamera said one of his first tasks was to implement a biweekly payroll cycle as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

"The first thing I looked at was dealing with the biweekly payroll," Mr. LaCamera said. "In the police contract there is an issue with weekly versus biweekly payroll ... so we'll have to negotiate that. It's my recommendation that we implement the biweekly payroll with all other employees effective January 1, 2007 and when we resolve the police contract we can put (them on that schedule). It only affects nine employees (right now) and I think it's in the best interest of the town."

With that, the board unanimously voted to implement a biweekly payroll schedule for all town employees, save the police department, effective January 1, 2007 and also to place a notice in the next paychecks to inform employees of the pending change.

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ing last Tuesday night and participated in the discussion about the statement letter being submitted to the Massachusetts Building Authority (MBA)," Mr. LaCamera said, referring to the town's bid for state support for renovations of and/or expansion to Rochester Memorial School. "(The School Building Committee) has been put on the board's agenda for next Monday night (December 18). You should know that right now there are already 119 projects that have been submitted to the state. It's going to be very interesting to see how the state (judges) these proposals."

Another key item on Mr. LaCamera's agenda is the establishment of a Capital Budget Plan within the town's annual budget and fine-tuning of the budget process.

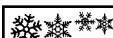
"I have two things for FY 2008 budget — one is I'm proposing to put the Capital Budget Process in place for a rolling, five-year capital plan," Mr. LaCamera said, submitting a written proposal to the board. "I'll be giving the same information to the Finance Committee (FinCom) tonight and asking for their input. The first year is always a difficult process ... to implement. Second, I hope to discuss tonight with the FinCom as to what the best approach is to the budget process and I hope to see some changes that will be (agreeable) to them."

In other matters, Mr. LaCamera noted:

- Police Chief Paul Magee has advised his department will be using a state-of-the-art firearms trailer at the

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- Chief Magee also reported the Rochester Police Department received a "\$4500 traffic grant from Governor's Highway Safety Bureau," which will be used for drunk driving and seatbelt awareness programs during this holiday season.

- There have been some changes to the statewide "Melanie's Law" relative to drunk driving violations, and Chief Magee has had to make some adjustments to his department's policies and procedures to coincide with state law. The board unanimously voted to approve these recommended changes.

Under correspondence, the board:

- Received payment in lieu of taxes from SEMASS/Covanta in the amount of \$290,756 for an estimated 101,165 tons of trash collected at the facility during the month of November 2006.

- Announced the Rochester Town Hall will be closed at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 15 for the employees' annual Christmas Party.

- Noted there will be a reception to welcome new Town Administrator Richard LaCamera at the Rochester Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane, on Monday, December 18 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

There being no further matters to come before

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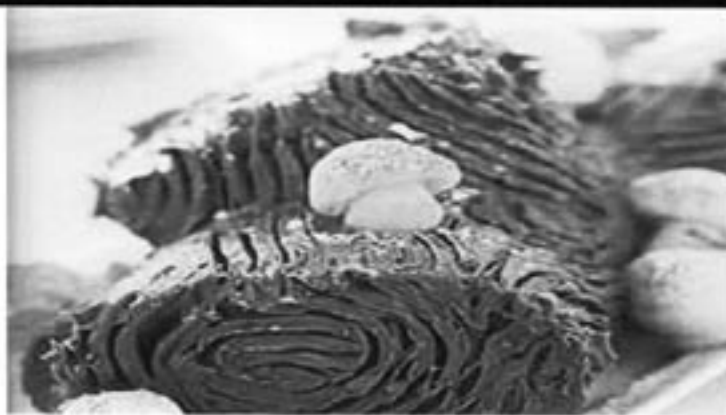
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the board, they unanimously voted to recess at 7:40 pm to meet with members of the FinCom and Mr. LaCamera and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Sports Shorts

Mattapoisett Basketball

Basketball Sign-Ups sponsored by the Mattapoisett Recreation Department will be held for **second through sixth graders** on **Sunday, January 7, 2007 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon** at **Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett**. Questions? Please e-mail Recreation Director Gretchen MacDonald at ddgmac@aol.com.
Old Colony All-Stars

Three members of the **Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School's** championship **Golf Team** have been selected for the **Mayflower League All-Stars**. Selected were: **Jordan Botelho** (Mattapoisett); **Nicholas Abaray** (Acushnet); and **Andrew Corrigan** (Acushnet). All-Star selection is made by the Mayflower League coaches. The Cougars Golf Team is coached by John Abaray.

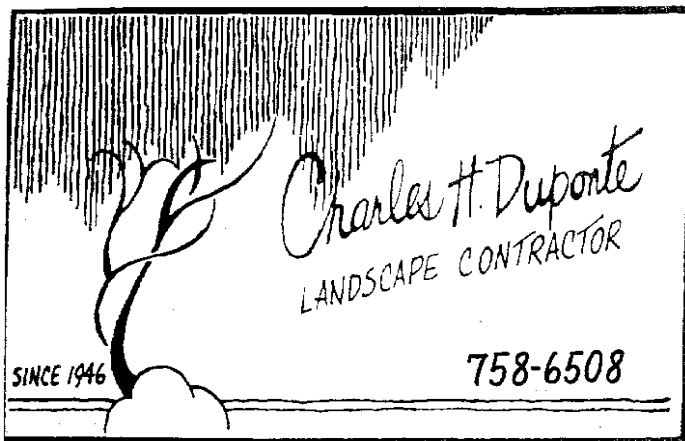
Fairhaven Basketball

There is still space available in all age divisions for the **Fairhaven Recreation Youth Basketball League Sign-Ups**. Participants must have a valid play card. This league is only open to Fairhaven residents. You must bring a birth certificate and two proofs of residency to register. The last day to register is **Friday, December 29, 2006**.

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Peace Poster Contest Winner

Ben Coucci, a sixth grade student at Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett, recently took the first step to becoming an internationally-recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club.

Ben's poster was among more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

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Mattapoisett Lions Club Past President Chuck McCullough, who was chairman of the contest, said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at Old Hammondtown School.

"It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them," he said. "I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

Ben's poster will advance through the district, and winners continue on to multiple district and international levels of competition.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$2,500 plus a trip for the winner and two family members to New York City for the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

"We would like to thank all the students who worked on their posters at home," said Mattapoisett Lions Club President Pierre Bernier. "And special thanks go to their parents who encouraged them to participate and the teachers who supported this project by passing out the appropriate-sized poster paper and announcing reminders of the due date."

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Census Forms

Residents will be receiving their 2007 census form within the next few weeks. Please update any information if necessary, sign and return to the Town Clerk's office as soon as possible. You may either return it by mail, or put it through the mail slot to the left of the front door of Town Hall.

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Marion EMT Class

The Marion Fire Department will present their "EMT Class of 2007" with Massachusetts Certified Paramedic, James Trout, Instructor. The class will start on January 16, 2007 and run through May 10, 2007. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday and on the first Saturday from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

Jim has been a Massachusetts EMT for over 30 years and a paramedic for 20 of those years. This will be the sixth year the January class has been conducted at the Marion Fire Station. Jim has an exceptional "pass rate" for his EMT class. This class will ready you for the two state exams which will be scheduled before the end of the class. Additional "practical" classes will be added as necessary. Cost of the class is \$875 and includes the Brady EMT book and a blood pressure cuff. Class sizes are kept to a minimum and space is limited. Payment is expected at the start of class and payment arrangements (agreements) need to be set up before the start of class. Please call the Marion Fire Department at 508-748-3595 or contact them at: Marion Fire Department, 50 Spring Street, P.O. Box 1021, Marion, MA 02738; e-mail: polly@marionfire.net.

Rochester Tax Bills

Rochester Tax Collector Tom Gayoski has advised that the first half real estate and personal property tax bills have been mailed and payments are due December 29, 2006 in his office. For more information, please call the Tax Collector at 508-763-3871, extension 16.

Mattapoisett Great Decisions

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The club has been sponsoring this discussion program for over 20 years. They will be starting the last Wednesday in January (January 31, 2007) and meeting each week for eight weeks at 1:30 pm in the conference room at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

If you are interested or would like more information, please call Lois Murray at 508-758-4949 by December 18 as discussion guides must be ordered costing approximately \$15 each. Come join this lively group that helps you reach informed opinions about U.S. foreign issues.

Marion Fireworks Appeal

Because of the very positive response to the fireworks show last summer, Marion will once again have a fireworks display this coming year. The Marion Fireworks Committee is already hard at work preparing to make the town's 2007 fireworks display the best one yet.

But residents' help is needed to make this happen. They must make a financial commitment this winter, but the fireworks are completely funded through private contributions. The Fireworks Committee is starting with only \$898 left over from last year and will need to raise an additional \$35,000-\$40,000!

If you enjoyed watching/attending the fireworks, please give them your support. Donations at all levels — large or small — are what make the fireworks happen. Please make your check payable to "Town of Marion - Fireworks," and send it to the Town of Marion, Attention: Fireworks Committee, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

This year the committee is also asking for feedback to determine the best day to hold the fireworks. Last

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If the show is held on July 4 it will be more costly, due to the increased demand for pyrotechnics firms on that day and because of the cost of holiday overtime details for public safety personnel. When you send your check, please note your date preference, and thank you for sharing your opinion with the Marion Summer Fireworks Committee.

Rochester Administrator Reception

A reception to welcome new Town Administrator Richard LaCamera to Rochester will be held at the Rochester Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane in Rochester, on Monday, December 18 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Driver Education Class

Enrollment for the next Driver Education Class at Old Rochester Regional High School is now taking place. Due to a change in state law, a student must be at least 15 years, 9 months on or before January 8, 2007 in order to enroll in the class. Students from ORR will be given first available seats.

Please call the Martin Auto School at 508-999-3832 for further information. Those wishing to register for this class who are not students of ORR High School should call the Martin Auto School directly to register. The class will be scheduled to begin on Monday, January 8, 2007. The classes will be held Monday through Thursday at Old Rochester Regional High School in Room 248 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm and will run for three weeks.

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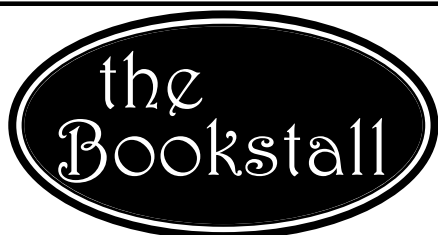
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The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. If you are interested, please call as the curator is often out at a meeting elsewhere. For more information, please call 508-758-2844.

Tinkhamtown Chapel Caroling

On Saturday, December 16, the Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett will hold its annual Christmas Caroling. Everyone is invited to share in this charming tradition which is set in one of the oldest buildings in Mattapoisett, lit by oil lamps, heated with a wood stove, complete with an antique pump organ. As in the past, Dorothy Cook will accompany the choir. Children are invited to join in the choir for the caroling. Any children



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Rochester Library Donations

For the month of December, the Joseph Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is accepting canned goods and other non-perishable items in lieu of fines. Bring in an item for Damien's Pantry in Wareham and the library will waive all overdue fines. This does not cover lost or missing items. For more information, please call the library at 508-763-8600.

Marion Ambulance Drive

It has been almost 60 years since the first formal drive to purchase an ambulance was conducted by the Marion Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2425 ... and for as many years free ambulance service has been provided to Marion residents.

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The drive for funds is underway and a thermometer will be erected on the Town House lawn to chart the progress of funds received. Please make checks payable to "Marion VFW Ambulance Fund." Donations in any amount — no contribution is too small or too large — can be mailed to: Marion VFW Ambulance Drive, P.O. Box 126, Marion, MA 02738.

School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of School Committee meetings for December 2006:

- Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30 pm: Marion School Committee at Sippican School;
- Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 pm: Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

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If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, letters of interest can be mailed to Rochester Town Hall, Attention: Board of Selectmen, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA, 02770.

If you would like more information about serving on the Town Scholarship Committee, please call Roxanne Costa, Committee Chairman, at 508-763-3792.

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Knitting Group

A group of local knitters meet at the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Join them for good conversation and sharing of knitting techniques and projects. This is an adults-only evening — no children, please.

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Library Hours

The Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is open Monday, 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Wednesday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Thursday, 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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Join the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) on Friday, December 29 at 1:30 pm at the Rochester Senior Center for their First Annual New Year's Eve Party. Jackie Ashley has a new Karaoke machine which will launch this event. Lots of delicious hors d'oeuvres and sparkling bubbly will be available for all, complete with the end of the year countdown, noisemakers, and everything to make the festivities complete. Perhaps Dick Clark will make an appearance! Advance sign-up is required and donations will be greatly appreciated.

Marion Art Center

Holiday Shop

The 23rd Annual Holiday Shop is now installed in both galleries at the Marion Art Center. This traditional holiday show and shopping opportunity will offer original works created by artists from throughout New England who have gathered to display and offer for sale their beautiful, handmade works. Offerings include such lovely and unique items as Sailor's Valentines, hand-painted children's Adirondack chairs, fleece jackets and scarves, decorative tiles, jewelry of varied styles and materials, pottery, colorful silk scarves, painted candles, frames and mirrors, finely-dyed clothing, stained glass, sea life photographs, seaside-themed lamps, delectable chocolates, intricate doll clothing and wonderfully decorative, potted bulbs, ready for winter bloom.

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The Marion Art Center's Holiday Shop will be open from Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and on Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and run through December 22.

North Rochester Church

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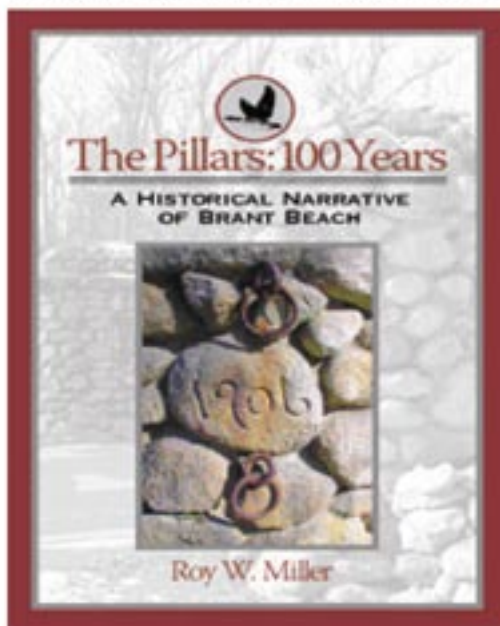


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Rochester Senior Events

The following are upcoming Rochester Senior Events planned at the Rochester Senior Center on Dexter Lane:

- Senior Center Computer Lab – Join the Rochester Council on Aging on Mondays at 1:00 pm for beginner computer classes at the Rochester Senior Center. The instructor is volunteer Charles Tate. All computers are online and up-to-date. Learn to e-mail or look for something online and lots more!
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MOVIE REVIEW

Civil Action

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Apocalypto. Starring Rudy Youngblood and Dalia Hernandez. Directed by Mel Gibson. Running time: 140 minutes. MPAA rating: R.

Mel Gibson, I think, is missing his true calling as a director of horror movies. He has an eye for arresting imagery (well, he's got good taste in cinematographers — *Dances with Wolves*' Dean Semler does the honors here), he can set up and sustain suspense, and he has a knack for ominous, oppressive moods — impending doom, the looming threat of agonizing physical catastrophe. Say what you will about Gibson's extracurricular idiocies and Cro-Magnon-Catholic obsessions — the crazy bastard can *direct*. He has yet, however, to find material that allows him to produce anything more than brutal technical exercises.

Apocalypto comes advertised with all sorts of deep-bass noises about its thematic significance. We're meant to look upon the desperately bloody experience of the Mayans and ponder why civilizations die. But then the movie — even its title trembles with epic foreboding — offers us a joke about a gullible tribe member eating tapir testicles before the film's five minutes old. That's when you remember Mel the prankster and Three Stooges fan. After the high-mass seriousness of *The Passion of the Christ*, Gibson indulges in a good deal of slapstick in order to humanize the central tribe, who will soon fall to the vicious will of a more advanced city tribe. An idea, arguable but at least interesting, pops up out of this — slavery is the price of civilization — and then dies of loneliness.

What this thing turns out to be is a skimpy action flick, in which the hero Jaguar Paw (Rudy Youngblood) must escape his captors and make it back to his forest, where his pregnant wife (Dalia Hernandez) and young son wait in a deep hole. Jaguar Paw runs and runs, spurred on by the memory of his father admonishing him to avoid fear. He's pursued by the fearsome Zero Wolf (Raoul Trujillo), who wears some sort of animal jaw around his own, and at one point regards a fallen tree that's nearly crushed him and says "I am walking here" — Gibson's tip of the hat to *Midnight Cowboy*, perhaps, though Zero Wolf stops short of slapping the tree defiantly.

Rudy Youngblood has hard/soft features and full lips — he resembles Vin Diesel — and he and Dalia Hernandez have some playful early moments. Gibson doesn't just do brutality — he has a gentle touch. But the gentleness is just there so we can mourn its passing when the violence starts. *Apocalypto* isn't nearly as grotesque as you might have heard, unless you haven't seen any action movies or horror movies in the last three decades. I can describe the events — hearts yanked out, heads lopped off, a jaguar feasting on a man's face — and they sound harsh in print, but they're shown glancingly. Whatever else it is, this isn't Touchstone's (i.e. Disney's) answer to *Cannibal Holocaust*. All the suffering, though, adds up to the usual Mel Gibson template: Lone hero endures immense pain and stands up against impossible odds. Twenty years ago Gibson could've painted himself brown and played Jaguar Paw himself.

Apocalypto wouldn't be "controversial" at all if Gibson hadn't drunk himself into a Jew-bashing stupor last summer — and in retrospect, that little slip of the lip might've helped the movie more than hurt it, because it kept the buzz alive. Gibson has always been dark and troubled, and he's becoming more volubly cranky as he ages but also more intriguingly transparent in his work. What, for instance, are we to make of the ending, in which our hero triumphs over everything only to face the boats full of Christians ready to ensure that the Mayans either embrace God or die? Gibson gives us a savage, innocent, beautiful culture out there in the forest and then tells us that between violent civilization and encroaching monotheism, that culture was doomed. Whether he says this regretfully or with a kind of "God happens" shrug is anyone's guess.

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Casino Royale (PG-13) – 1:05, 3:55, 6:50, 9:35
Santa Claus 3 (G) – 1:40, 4:25
Deja Vu (PG-13) – 7:05, 9:35
Turistas Go Home (R) – 9:15
The Nativity Story (PG) – 1:00, 4:15, 7:10
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Pursuit of Happyness (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 1:35, 4:05, 7:15, 9:45; Sun-Tue: 1:35, 4:05, 7:15
The Holiday (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 1:30, 4:15, 6:55, 9:40; Sun-Tue: 1:30, 4:15, 6:55
Unaccompanied Minors (PG) – Fri/Sat: 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30; Sun-Tue: 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20
Happy Feet (PG) – Fri/Sat: 1:20, 4:20, 6:45, 9:10; Sun-Tue: 1:20, 4:20, 6:45
Apocalypto (R) – Fri/Sat: 1:05, 3:55, 6:50, 9:35; Sun-Tue: 1:05, 3:55, 6:50
Nativity Story (PG) – 1:25 / Deja Vu (PG-13) – 9:20
Deck the Halls (PG) – 4:25, 7:10

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The Holiday (PG-13) – Fri: 4:00, 7:35; Sat/Sun: 12:50, 4:00, 7:35; Mon-Thu: 4:00, 7:35
Mrs. Worthington's Party (NR) – Fri: 3:30, 7:05, 9:30; Sat/Sun: 1:00, 3:30, 7:05, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 3:30, 7:05
The Queen (PG-13) – Fri: 3:55, 7:05, 9:25; Sat: 1:10, 3:55, 7:05, 9:25; Sun: 1:10, 3:55, 7:05; Mon-Thu: 3:55, 7:05

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Monday, December 18:

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Tuesday, December 19:

Steak 'Um and cheese, French fries, corn, peaches.

Wednesday, December 20:

Turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, fruit.

Thursday, December 21:

Orange juice, pizza, chips, veggie sticks, dessert.

Friday, December 22:

CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, December 18:

Minestrone soup, chicken cacciatore, rotini with sauce, Vienna bread, apple.

Tuesday, December 19:

Swedish meatballs, scalloped potatoes, Harvard beets, oatmeal bread, peaches in light syrup.

Wednesday, December 20:

Roasted turkey with gravy, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, squash, dinner roll, merry-go-round cake, graham wafer.

Thursday, December 21:

Beef burgundy, rice pilaf, broccoli and cauliflower, multigrain roll, vanilla pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Friday, December 22:

Macaroni and cheese, escalloped tomatoes, muffin, fruit cocktail in light syrup.

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Monday, December 18:

Pancakes, light sausage, hash brown, egg salad sandwich, juice, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 19:

Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, egg salad sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 20:

Lasagna with bread stick, egg salad sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 21:

Stuffed crust pizza, egg salad sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 22:

CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).



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Monday, December 18:

Breakfast for lunch: pancakes, light sausage, hash brown, pizza, peanut butter and jelly, meatball sub, bagel, soup.

Tuesday, December 19:

Chicken penne pasta, vegetable roll, pizza, peanut butter and jelly, bagel, soup, sausage/egg/cheese on a biscuit.

Wednesday, December 20:

Steak and cheese on a roll, French fries, vegetable, pizza, peanut butter and jelly, bagel, soup, hot dog.

Thursday, December 21:

Stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, peanut butter and jelly, grilled cheese.

Friday, December 22:

CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).



CHANNEL 9 TRI-TOWN PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

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Thursday, December 14, 2006

2:30 PM Charles Radville Presents: A Garden Goes to Bed
3:30 PM Conn Jackson Show
4:00 PM Home for the Holidays Musical Theme
4:30 PM Old Hammondtown School Fifth Grade - Weather Big Books
5:00 PM ORR JR High Presents: 16th Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner
6:00 PM Around the Town with ORCTV
6:30 PM ORR School Committee Meeting - 11/15
7:00 PM Bob Branco Presents: Sports Round Table : Live at ORCTV
8:00 PM Marion Halloween Parade
8:30 PM Christmas Memories
9:00 PM Penny Dreadful Shilling Shocker
10:00 PM Handy's Toy shop

Friday, December 15, 2006

4:00 PM Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
5:00 PM The Doctor is In
5:30 PM Swept Away TV

6:00 PM Old Hammondtown School Fifth Grade - Weather Big Books
6:30 PM PACE Monthly
7:00 PM Public Domain Movie: Charlie Chaplin
7:30 PM Marion Christmas Stroll
8:30 PM Christmas Memories
9:00 PM Friday Night ORR Football

Saturday, December 16, 2006

9:00 - 11:00 AM Cartoon Saturday
11:00 AM Around BCC
11:30 AM LC Savage - Touring Maine Aquarium
12:00 PM Jazz with ORR Jazz Band
1:00 PM ORR JHS Green Team Presents: Envirolab Field Study
1:30 PM ORR JHS Green Team Presents: Holiday Greeting
3:45 PM Mattapoisett Annual Christmas Stroll from Shipyard Park
4:10 PM Public Domain: Bonanza - Blood on the Land
5:00 PM Public Domain: Bonanza - Badge Without Honor
6:00 PM Center School Presents - 3 Act Plays

7:30 PM Swept Away TV
8:00 PM ORRHS Presents: 16th Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner
9:00 PM Christmas Memories
9:45 PM Penny Dreadful Shilling Shocker
11:00 PM Electronic Theater

Sunday, December 17, 2006

10:30 AM Conn Jackson Show
11:00 AM Home for the Holidays Christmas Theme
11:30 AM Around Bristol Community College
12:00 PM ORR JHS Green Team Presents: Envirolab Field Study
12:30 PM ORR JHS Green Team Presents: Holiday Greeting
1:00 PM Mattapoisett Annual Christmas Stroll from Shipyard Park
1:30 PM Breathing Freely
2:45 PM Tour of a Windplant
3:00 PM LC Savage - Touring Maine Aquarium
3:30 PM Public Domain: Charlie Chaplin
6:00 PM Tap Into Prevention

7:00 PM Marion Halloween Parade
7:30 PM Center School Presents: Ms Roylance 2nd Grade - 3 Act Plays
8:00 PM New England Outdoor Living
8:30 PM ORR Presents 16th Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner
9:30 PM Christmas Memories
10:30 PM Very First Christmas

Monday, December 18, 2006

3:30 PM Student Voices- Teen Suicide
4:30 PM ORR Presents Suites-Sweets
6:00 PM Jeff Perry Report
6:30 PM White House Chronicle
7:00 PM Physician's Focus
7:30 PM P.A.C.E. Monthly
8:00 PM Capitol Perspectives with Senator Edward Kennedy
8:30 PM Commonwealth Report with Senator Pacheco
9:00 PM Polish Hour

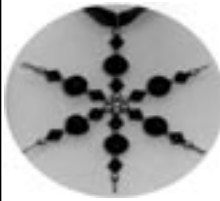
Tuesday, December 19, 2006

2:30 PM Charles Radville Presents: A Garden Goes to Bed
3:00 PM Physician Focus
3:30 PM Introduction To Tai Chi

4:00 PM Home For the Holidays Musical Theme
5:00 PM Marion Christmas Stroll
6:00 PM Center School Ms Roylance Presents: 3 Act Plays
6:30 PM Rochester Selectmen Meeting
7:30 PM Inside the ORR with Superintendent Bill Cooper
8:00 PM Around the Town with ORCTV
8:30 PM Neighbor to Neighbor with: Don Cuddy
9:00 PM ORR Jazz Band

Wednesday, December 20, 2006

4:00 PM Breathing Freely
5:30 PM Introduction to Tai Chi
6:00 PM Army Newswatch
6:30 PM Inside the ORR with Dr. Bill Cooper
7:00 PM The Doctor Is In
7:30 PM ORR JHS Green Team Present: Envirolab Field Study
8:00 PM ORR JHS Green Team Presents: Holiday Christmas Greeting
8:30 PM New England Outdoor Living



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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

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SIGNS OF THE SEASON



ABOVE: Winners of Mattapoissett's First Annual Holiday Village Door Decorating Contest, sponsored by the Mattapoissett Woman's Club, were selected on Monday, December 11. Due to a number of creative entries, the judges awarded prizes to the following three entrants (l. to r.) Peter and Ann Martin, 17 Main Street ("Nautical Prize"); Ruth Ann Walega, 24 North Street ("Elegant Award"); and Pat Walters, 31 Water Street ("Colonial Award"). (Photos by Kenneth J. Souza).



ABOVE: Rochester Police Chief and Mattapoissett resident Paul Magee (far left) helps sixth grade students at Old Hammondtown School prepare cookie dough for some freshly-baked treats that were packed into homemade baskets and delivered to seniors and shut-ins in town as part of the school's eighth annual holiday community service program. (Photo by Robert Chiarito).



ABOVE: Members of the Old Rochester Regional High School Jazz Band performed several "jazzed-up" Christmas classics during the annual ORR High School Holiday Concert held on Tuesday, December 5 in the high school auditorium. The event also featured performances by the ORR High School Chorus and ORR Jazz Combo. (Photo by Robert Chiarito).

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20 Russell of "Gladiator"
21 Florida city
22 Start of a remark by Franklin P. Jones
24 Type of primate
25 Morticia's man
26 — canto
27 Janitor's item
29 Asian ox
31 Broad st.
32 Colorless
34 Angers
36 Munched like a mouse
39 Part 2 of remark
45 Profit from tickets
46 Playground game
47 School founded by Henry VI
48 Fast way to the UK
49 Christmas visitors

- 50 Famed futurologist
52 Stoltz or Seavared
54 Mist
58 Socialite
60 "Stop!"
62 Overact
65 Sports-caster Allen
66 Throw a party
68 Caviar
69 Field of study
70 "— pro nobis"
71 Singer
74 Part 3 of remark
78 "— Tiki"
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80 Prepare to fly
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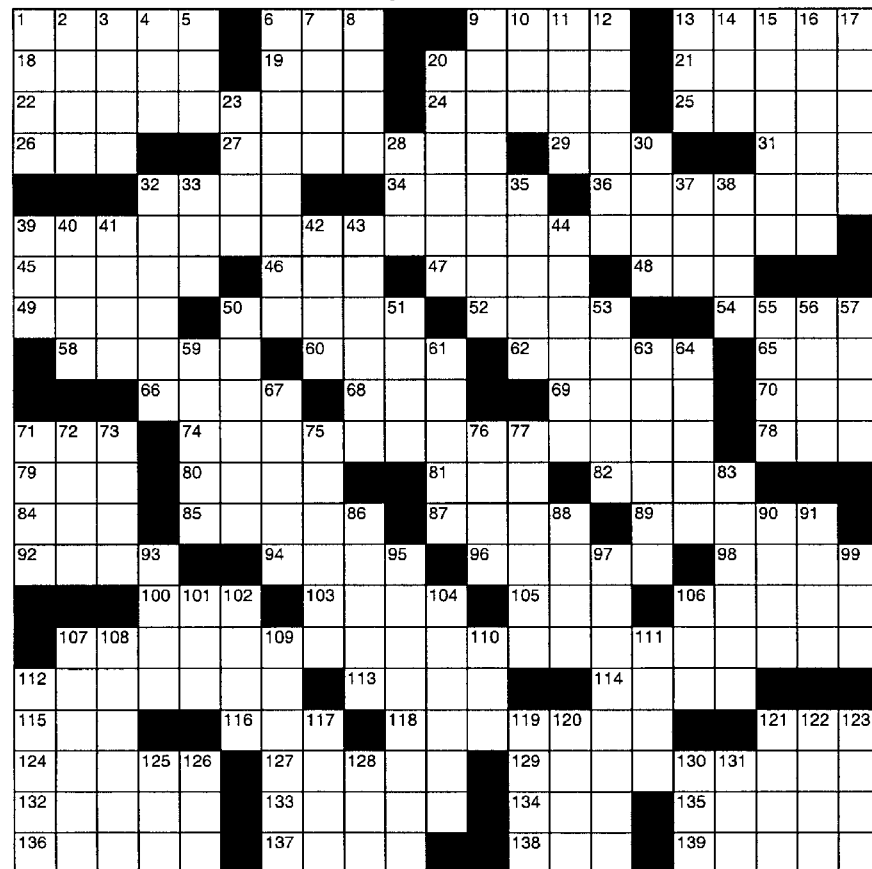
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127 Nautical rope
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133 Think alike
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DOWN

- 1 Wound covering
2 Good place for a dip
3 Evangelist
4 Word with take or hang
5 Make lace
6 Flirt
7 Burden
8 Exemplar of redness
9 Swarthy sort
10 Computer acronym
11 "Up-Up and —" ('67 hit)
12 Lodger
13 Kuvasz or Komondor
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15 Hot stuff?
16 Soccer team
17 Brought down the house
20 Pay with plastic
23 At rest
28 Brooch
30 Ghoulish rockers
32 Coming from Krakow
33 Current unit
35 Musical
37 Small shots

- 38 One of the Marches
39 The end?
40 Cheat
41 Spice-rack item
42 Tough
43 Look the other way
44 Muppet drummer
50 Retainer
51 Adam's grandson
53 French painter
55 Out of control
56 Actor
57 Spirit
59 Promotes
61 Works in the lab
63 The 3 —
64 Bald bird
67 Where to find Alice
71 Impartial
72 Barbra's "Funny Girl" co-star
73 Oenophile's mecca
75 Architectural feature
76 Leave port
77 More obsequious
83 Emulate
86 Crystal of country
88 Pants part
90 Reject

- 91 Fiorucci of fashion
93 Generic grade?
95 Hog hair
97 Bewitch
99 Clause connector
101 Campy grp.?
102 "— It Up" ('73 hit)
104 Steak or lobster
106 Memo letters
107 Paradoxical
108 Type of fastener
109 North Pole sight
110 I.M. the architect
111 Man the bar
112 Student of Socrates
117 Kid at court
119 Barge
120 Ripped
121 — up (evaluate)
122 Colt color
123 Psychoanalyst Freud
125 Author LeShan
126 Deighton or Berman
128 Bikini part
130 Presidential nickname
131 Chess champ Mikhail



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers -- most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

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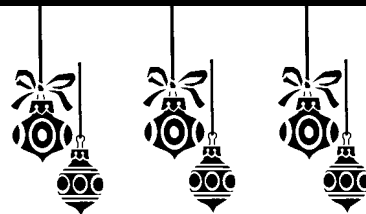
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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CASE #602 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 28, 2006 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of John B. and Maria M. Hartwell, trustees of the Maria M. Hartwell Revocable Trust, for a Special Permit under section 6.1.3 of the zoning by-law to allow the extension of a non-conforming structure, so as to extend an existing deck. The property, located at 63 East Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lot 61. Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/07, 12/14</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE ROAD CLOSING Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 20, 2006. Signed: Board of Directors Antassawamock Club, Inc. Caroline L. Megan, Secretary 12/07, 12/14</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Request for an Amended Order of Conditions submitted by Raymond Cebula, 3 Shore View Drive, Map 12, Lot 23. The applicant proposes to rotate the proposed dwelling from its original proposed orientation. Conservation Commission 12/14</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Fred L. Gomes. The Applicant proposes to install an in-ground swimming pool, to construct a retaining wall and associated patio areas, to install a shed and security fence and to fill and grade within 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The project is located at 119 Mattapoisett Neck Road and is further identified as Lot #12B on Assessors Map #15. Conservation Commission 12/14</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Jonathan S.H. Morton. The Applicant proposes to install an in-ground swimming pool, to construct a retaining wall and associated patio areas, to install a shed and security fence and to fill and grade within 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The project is located at 7 Bethany Lane and is further identified as Lot #11E on Assessors Map #20. Conservation Commission 12/14</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Dennis R. Costello. The Applicant proposes to construct a stone retaining wall and install additional fill on the east side of the existing dwelling which would supersede the grading schematic approved under DEP File No. SE 44-891. All proposed work will occur within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within .Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. The project is located at 7 Hillers Cove Lane off Hollywoods Road and is further identified as Lot #94 on Assessors Map #3. Conservation Commission 12/14</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Reequst for Determination of Applicability filed by William Milka, 241 New Bedford Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant intends to end cranberry production on this bog. The proposal is to fill the 2-acre bog in the southwesternly portion of the site to the dike road elevation and convert the area to hay production. The subject bog was originally constructed in an upland area under DEP file #373-266. The subject property is located at 241 New Bedford Road and is designated as Lot 7-A on Assessors' Mpa 32. The property owner of record is William Milka. This hearing is being held under Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch 131, Sec. 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection Act By-Law. Kevin Cassidy, Chairman 12/14</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 4:45 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by Thompson Merrill Engineering and Land Surveying Company. pertaining to the property located on 15 Gifford's Corner Road. The property is further identified as Lot 5, Map15. The following variance is requested from Title V of the State Environmental Code. 310 CMR 15.212 Reduction in separation distance from bottom of soil absorption system to seasonal high ground water from 4 feet to 2 feet. 310 CMR 15.405 (1) (6) Allow the results of a sieve analysis to be used to determine the effluent loading rate. The following variance is requested from the Marion Sanitary Code: Marion Sanitary Code 4.60.3 Reduction in design flow from 400 gpd to 330 gpd Albin R. 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Photos from the Past

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- Tuesday, December 19 – Stop and Shop 8:30 am; Public Health Nurse 9:30 to 11:30 am; Weight Training 2:00 pm; Yoga Class 2:00 pm (\$2.50 per session);
- Wednesday, December 20 – Water Aerobics 8:00 am; Pampered Feet Clinic 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (please call 508-758-4110 for price information and appointments); Lunch with Kindergarten 12:00 noon; Bingo 1:00 pm; Center School Holiday Show Dress Rehearsal 1:30 pm; Senior

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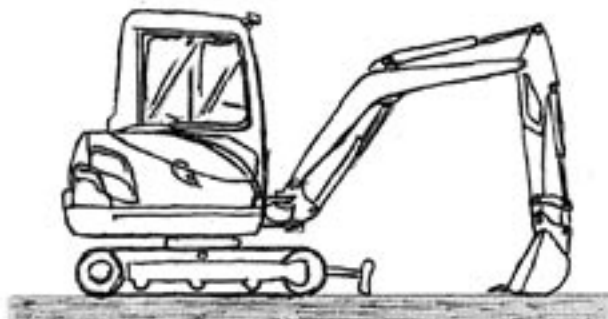


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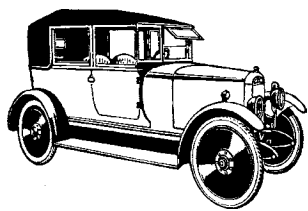
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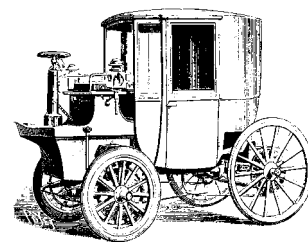
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December 16:	Sat.	4:31	4:48	10:37	10:20
December 17:	Sun.	5:17	5:34	11:20	11:00
December 18:	Mon.	5:59	6:17	11:59	11:41
December 19:	Tues.	6:40	6:59	...	12:48
December 20:	Wed.	7:21	7:42	12:23	1:32
December 21:	Thurs.	8:04	8:27	1:05	2:15
December 22:	Fri.	8:50	9:15	1:50	2:57
December 23:	Sat.	9:38	10:05	2:35	3:37
December 24:	Sun.	10:29	10:58	3:23	4:18
December 25:	Mon.	11:22	11:52	4:15	5:03
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December 30:	Sat.	3:48	4:17	10:30	9:47
December 31:	Sun.	4:50	5:16	11:25	10:37

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New Moon	December 20th
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off the mark by Mark Parisi



I found the Aardvark!

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The winner will be selected from all the correct answers picked by the deadline and the prize will have to be picked up at our office. Only one entry per household per issue please.

To enter, simply find the aardvark in this issue, then go to our web page and select the link "I Found the Aardvark" entry page. If you would like to enter by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Deadline for each week is 5pm on the Tuesday after the date of publication. All entries must be dated or postmarked on or before that Wednesday.

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